

Surrogate Mother by Ashkan Shajari

Vocab	Meaning
Surrogate mother	A woman who has a baby for another woman who cannot have one
Infertility	When s.one is unable to have a baby
Threaten	To be likely to harm or destroy something
Adoption	The act of taking someone's child into your family
Surrogacy	The action or state of being a surrogate
Donor	Someone who gives blood or a body organ to someone else
Sacrifice	When you decide not to have s.th valuable, in order to get s.th more important
Gestation	The process by which a child or a young animal develops inside its mother's body before birth
Premature	A premature baby is born before the usual time of birth
Reliable	Trusted, dependable

Jeff: Good morning Dr. Brand.

Monica: Morning.

Dr. Brand: I have bad news for you.

Monica: What is it?!

Dr: Infertility threatens your family!

Jeff: Oh God!

Monica: Is it me?!

Dr: I'm so sorry. I know how hard It Is.

Jeff: Do you have any kinda recommendations?
And...

Monica: Wait! But uh... people have babies when they're in their fifties.

Dr: You have some choices. Being alone, adoption and, surrogacy.

Jeff: You mean, we pay someone to give birth to a baby?

Monica: A donor or something? How it happens?

Dr: It doesn't happen without certain sacrifices?
But...

Monica: But it works.

Jeff: What do you need? Money? Do you know how many people I have to tell that?!

Monica: We're willing to pay.

Dr: I'm speaking to you now not as a doctor. I should tell you that sometimes the body just isn't able to have a baby. If you trust me. I can lead you to a solution which is called gestational surrogacy. This Is what Kim Kardashian, Sarah Jessica Parker, and many other celebrities do to grow their families. There are many reasons people choose surrogacy. Health issues prevent a woman from getting...

How do you cope if you want children, but discover you're unable to have them? "Many people think that the room called childlessness has just two doors: 'didn't want' or 'couldn't have'," says Jody Day. In today's episode, we're gonna see a couple who cannot accept life without a baby. Now back to Surrogate mother.

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Expand	To become larger in size or amount...
Cooperation	When you work with s.one to achieve s.th that you both want
Pregnancy	When a woman is pregnant (=has a baby growing inside her body)
Contract	An official agreement between two or more people
Time-consuming	Taking a long time to do
Refuse	To say that you will not do s.th that s.one has asked you to do
Panic	To suddenly feel so frightened that you cannot think clearly

Dr: Breathe! Breathe! Now push! Push!

Jeff: Oh, He is beautiful. You did it.

Monica: Hooo! Hooo! God! Hooo! The baby! I was! Baby!

Jeff: Wake up! Monica! Wake up! It's fine. Ok. Just a dream. It's ok. Just a dream.

Jeff: Ok honey. Here's the number. Let's make a phone call.

Monica: All right. Hello. I wanna talk to Mrs. Miller.

Lisa: Ok. It is Lisa Miller.

Monica: Great. Dr. Brand told us that you are a professional surrogate. So, My husband and I...

Lisa: I'm not a surrogate anymore.

Monica: Oh! That's Um.

Lisa: I had a baby six months ago, little Brian. He was supposed to go to a young couple who couldn't have their own children. So they hired me, and they paid me really well. But, unfortunately, Brian was born prematurely, and because he was

so small when he was born so early, he had heart problems. but, with all of these heart problems, the couple decided that they didn't want him. They said the contract was for a healthy baby So, I decided to keep him. I couldn't put him up for adoption. I'd had him. But so far, He's gonna have three operations when he gets older. And I love him. I'm really happy to be his mother, but I'm...but I'm worried.

Monica: What just happened?!

Jeff: What a sad story.

Monica: That's a hard choice. You know...

Jeff: Hey I just found a legal organization, and It's got the best surrogates. I mean it's totally reliable.

Business worker: We created this program to expand the circle of those who can use surrogate motherhood and thus cope with infertility and give birth to a child. This service is primarily suitable for low-income, and it could be for families who have relatives or friends who are ready to offer themselves as a surrogate mother. Our cooperation follows simple and understandable rules. We do everything necessary for pregnancy so that you could achieve your goal – baby birth.

Well these are our packages. Check them all, then we can sign a contract.

Jeff: Thank you.

Business worker: Mrs. Cooper is one of the best surrogates which we can recommend.

Mrs. Cooper: Hello.

Jeff: Hello Mrs. Cooper.

Monica: Good afternoon.

Mrs. Cooper: I am so happy to help. It's so exciting to make a family for someone else. I know how wonderful motherhood is. I think more people should be surrogate mothers. It's a wonderful way to give life to others.

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Business worker: Can I help you?

Jeff: I wanna talk to your boss.

Business worker: Um ok... Is there any problem?

Monica: The surrogate.

Jeff: We already signed a contract. We want our baby as soon as possible.

Business worker: Please! Please! Just tell me what happened?

Monica: We are so sad. Our baby was born yesterday, and we had everything ready for him: the crib, the toys, and our hearts were ready for him to come home. But now we can't even hold him in our arms.

Jeff: The surrogate refuses to give us our baby. It's our baby. She agreed to give us the baby as soon as it was born. We already paid her a lot of money.

Monica: She says that she loves him, and she can't give him up. But she couldn't love him as much as we do. He's our baby! He has our DNA, not hers.

Business Worker: Everything's gonna be ok. Just don't panic and let us take care of it. Hopefully you have lawyer and you can take your baby back very soon. No worries!

Monica: Oh my god He's so cute!

Jeff: Let me kiss him.



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